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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONSUMER AND SAFETY COUNCIL VISITS

- 1. MR. ARUN S. WATANA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF BOTH THE NATIONAL CONSUMER COUNCIL AND NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL, RECENTLY CREATED AS PART OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, HAS WRITTEN TO THE AMBASSADOR REQUESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE STRUCTURE, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FUNCTIONS OF SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. MR. ARUN ALSO HOPES TO VISIT CONSUMER AND SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, AT HIS OWN EXPENSE, AND WOULD WELCOME ANY LITERATURE OR SUGGESTIONS DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER, OR/AND CONTACTS WHICH MIGHT BE ARRANGED FOR HIM.
- 2. ALTHOUGH MR. ARUN IS NOT RPT NOT KNOWN PERSONALLY TO EMBASSY, WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT HIS BONA FIDES. HE HAS BEEN CITED IN PRESS AS "WELL KNOWN SOCIAL WORKER" WHO EARLIER FOUNDED PRIVATE TRAFFIC SAFETY ASSN. OF THAILAND AND CONSUMERS' ASSN. OF THAILAND. MASTERS

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